

PATENT APPLICATION

REMARKS

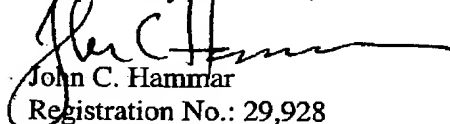
Claims 17, 18, 28, 29 and 32 – 36 are pending in this application. Claims 29 and 32 – 35 were withdrawn from consideration but not canceled in the parent application. They are canceled here without prejudice to Applicant pursuing them in one or more divisional applications. Filing this request will remove US Patent 5,746,553 (*Engwall*) as a reference, leaving claims 17, 18 and 28 in condition for allowance, insofar as the RCE should be treated as a continuing application. MPEP 706.02(I)(1) reads, in pertinent part:

The mere filing of a continuing application on or after November 29, 1999, with the required evidence of common ownership, will serve to exclude commonly owned 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior art that was applied, or could have been applied, in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103 in the parent application.

Proof of common ownership is established in the file record.

Claim 36 is added and is believed to be in condition for allowance. It describes a method for making parts on a hybrid layup tool including layup and subsequent trimming of the cured composite part prior to its removal from the tool.

Respectfully submitted,


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